

LowCountry Emmaus

And their eyes were opened, and they knew him. Luke 24:31

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FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR



Walks 62 and 63 have come and gone and all is well. I have to thank the Lord for allowing us to share His love once again with new pilgrims. I hope the new pilgrims take the gift He provides and shares it freely in the way it was freely given. I am sure the team members were blessed to be sharing the gift as well. My 5:30am prayer time for the prayer vigil inspired and encouraged me in that it is a fine thing God has placed in our paths.

The community has done a wonderful job with sponsorship. Sponsorship has to continue year round so please continue with the effort. Don't put off sponsoring someone. The board member in charge of registration (Jim Roth) can accept applications throughout the year. Let's continue to share the Walk to Emmaus gift. New pilgrims may need a helping hand to sponsor someone so all you old timers please lend help if needed.

This is to the new pilgrims of walks 62 & 63. Find yourself a reunion group. The reunion group helps keep the fire burning. If you cannot find a reunion group ask your sponsor. If your sponsor cannot find you a reunion group please contact Perry Buchanan. He is the Low Country Emmaus community board member in charge of Fourth Day. He has the information available to locate the different reunion groups in our community.

Monthly gatherings also help keep the fire burning. The community meets every third Friday of each month (with exception of walk months). David Lupo is the board member for Gatherings. He also maintains

the LCE web site.

The ABCs of Natural Church Development quality characteristics continued: *empowering leadership, gift-based ministry, passionate spirituality, effective structures, inspiring worship services, holistic small groups, need-oriented evangelism, and loving relationships*. I have stopped at quality characteristic (QC) 3 I the last news letter. I will resume with QC 4 'passionate spirituality' in the next newsletter.

The dates for the Emmaus/Chrysalis Celebration are 9 and 10 November at Lexington UMC. Lexington is just outside of Columbia (I-20 towards Augusta). We are almost prepared with the agape for the celebration (2 types, 175 -200 pieces each). Thanks to all that came to Cliff's cabinet shop to help ready 201 wooden fish. I'd never caught fish in this manner before. Linda and Lindsey Mack's reunion group volunteered to make the other piece of agape for the celebration. Annie Edwards is the board member in charge of agape. She can provide information about agape.

Applications for the Southeast United States Celebration of Emmaus and Chrysalis are located at the Upper Room web site. Click on the Emmaus selection and go to Emmaus events. I pray we have a good showing from our community. If you choose you may go to the Low Country Emmaus web site (google search:Low Country Emmaus) a link has been added to go directly to the Emmaus section of the Upper Room web site. Applications for pilgrims, newsletters and maps to our community events can also be found on the community web site.

Continue to pray for.....the Low Country Emmaus community board, all that are in the community and all that will be. Keep His fire burning in our hearts with the winds of the Holy Spirit empowering us and keep His Son the focus of our lives.

DeColores Randy Woods

Need an application? You can download one on the web at <http://www.umcsc.net/communities/lowcountryemmaus/application.pdf> don't forget to check the important dates on the back page.

FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR



Most Christians believe we can go to the Bible for guidance for living our daily lives

There is a central theme of the Bible that teaches us that God offers all a relationship of unconditional love and grace. That unconditional love and grace we call Justifying Grace. In Genesis 1-2, we are told God created the universe, the world, and all things in it; including humans....and God saw that it was good.

In Gen. 3, we are told of humans making wrong choices and becoming separated from God. We spoke of Prevenient Grace as the grace that woos humans to accept for themselves the unconditional love and grace God offers to all. In Justifying Grace, we discover the moment we say yes to the relationship God offers to all in Christ, our acceptance of this Justifying Grace changes everything.

The Luke 15 story of the Prodigal Son is one of the best examples of Justifying Grace at work. The Prodigal Son turns away from sin and returns to his gracious loving father. The Prodigal says "yes" to the wooing Prevenient Grace of the father. The Prodigal is redeemed. The Prodigal is restored to his rightful place. Salvation occurs. Salvation is instantaneous and continuous. In Justifying Grace, we say "*I was saved by Grace and I will be saved by Grace.*"

Let's continually say "Yes" to God and to that relationship He offers.

De Colores Robert

THIS MONTH'S GATHERING

To be held at Bethany UMC in Summerville

This gathering is to honor the new pilgrims with a dinner. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. Please bring your dinner items to the church social hall

DIRECTIONS TO BETHANY UMC

Bethany United Methodist Church
118 W. 3rd Street South
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-1230

From I-26: Take exit 199 onto US-17A South. After you pass through the center of town, turn right on West 3rd South Street. Bethany UMC will be on your left.

From south via SC 165: Turn right when you reach US 17-A. Then turn left onto West 3rd South Street. Bethany UMC will be on your left.

Thanks to all who came out and helped set up the camp

on October 6th for the Men's Walk and on October 20th before the Women's Walk. Also thanks to everyone who helped on October 29th to break down the camp and store everything away until the spring. Background servanthood is just as important as serving in the conference room and we appreciate you.

A Brother in Christ,

Billy Gaines

Housing

GATHERINGS

Want to attend a Gathering really close to home? Then how about rounding up some friends from your reunion group and offering to host one of the monthly Gatherings at your church? Here is some information that may help you plan:

* Gatherings are held every month on the third Friday with the exception of Walk months and Good Friday (March 21 in 2008).

* At Gatherings immediately following Walks, we begin with a covered-dish meal. This requires a large enough fellowship hall and a little more set-up work.

* If your church building is small, you might want to consider one of the summer months, when attendance is usually lower.

* The host group is responsible for arranging child care, ushers, and paper products, and generally provides most of the drinks for the refreshment time.

* Please remember to check the church calendar and talk with your pastor before offering your church for a Gathering.

* February 2008 is already scheduled.

De colores, David Lupo

WELCOME TO THE PILGRIMS OF WALKS #62 AND #63

Michael Spann; John Reither; Albert VanSlyke; Ede Sebestyen; Brad Gulley; Dewitt Livingston; Brandon Boutell; John Bledsoe; Ray Price; Stan Sekula; Bill Carson; Chuck Heller; Rivers Cole; Terry Baccus; Joe Campbell; Alec MacPherson; Billy Sommerville; Gary Carter; Mike Hall; and James Yon.

Rachel Boutell; Linda Carter; Jane Livingston; Mary Price; Gladys Bledsoe; Minnie Britt; Louise Lott; Joan Lynch; Deborah Baccus; Lisa Humphries; Susan Lawson; Frances Pate; Lisa Salisbury; Ilie Spigner; Jean Stephens; Marla Reither; Elizabeth Buckley; Ida Culler; Sharon Wyatt; Peggy Yon; Denise Boyd; April Green; Barbara Hollman and Andrea Spann.

Just a note of thanks to all who sent agape for the walks. You outpouring of love for the Pilgrims helps God's Holy Spirit, as it moves among the weekend participants.

Annie Edwards, Agape

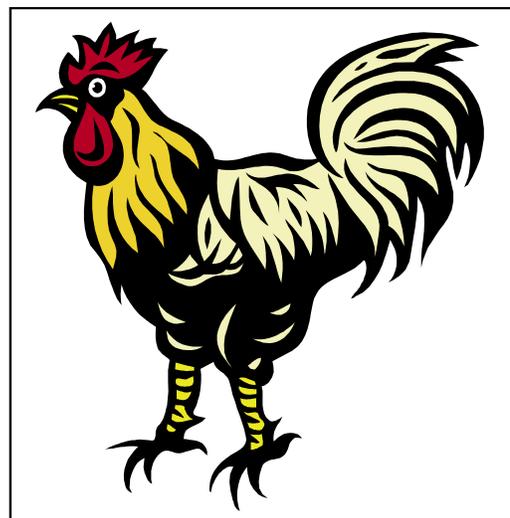
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Lowcountry Emmaus Treasurer's Report
October 30, 2007

Beginning Balance - checking	\$4593.53
Deposits - Walk fees	+2355.00
Disbursements	-5246.97
Camp S&M	2200.00
Food	2922.17
Van, gas	124.80
Ending Balance - checking	\$1701.56
Savings Balance	+4041.12
 Total on Hand	 \$5742.68

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Calendar of Events

Nov. 16-Bethany UMC, Summerville
Dec. 21-Stallsville UMC Summerville

Gatherings-3rd Friday, monthly
Board meets on 2nd Tues. monthly

Tentative walk dates, pending board approval.

SPRING 2008
Men's walk March 27-30
Women's walk April 10-13

FALL 2008
Men's walk October 9-12
Women's walk October 23-26

Please begin NOW to submit applications for pilgrims you would like to sponsor on these walks. DON'T WAIT

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 25th of each month